

AMERICAN GIRLS TO PARTICIPATE IN BIG OLYMPIAD

First Time in History of Game
Female Swimmers' Will
Cross Big Pond to Compete
With World Stars.

NEW YORK, Aug. 5. (By International News Service.)—For the first time in the history of the Olympic games American women swimmers will compete in the games. When the American Olympic team arrives at Antwerp for the 1920 Olympiad, 14 of America's champion women swimmers and divers will be among them.

Miss Editha Biehl, of Brooklyn, N. Y., hailed as the greatest water woman the world has ever seen, heads the delegation of athletes that will strive for honors in Belgium. Competing against the world's best swimmers, she has won the national 50, 100, 200 and 400-yard, half-mile and mile championships as well as several national titles in the backstroke.

With such a record there was not the slightest hesitation on the part of the committee as to Miss Biehl's nomination and acceptance. The Brooklyn girl has shattered world's records and substituted one of her own making at 100 meters and at 300 meters, and from all indications her record-breaking streak is going as healthily as the slugging streak of Babe Ruth, showing no signs of abating. She has proven invincible in all her contests and has not even had dangerous competition from anyone save her teammate, Miss Boyle.

In the recently held try-outs Miss Biehl entered two events and shattered existing records in both. In the 200 she set a new world's record of 4:11.5, a mark that should stand for years to come. She also set a world's mark for the 100 meters of 1:22.3.5 that is just as inviolable.

Half way around the world came a fifteen-year-old girl, Miss Helen Moses, of the Outrigger Canoe club, of Honolulu, to try for a place on the Olympic team. The Hawaiian girl is the best woman swimmer that has ever been produced in Aloha land. Although she did not win in the try-out, the members of the selection committee were impressed with the wonderful stroke and endurance of the girl and accordingly have placed her in a position to go another quarter way around the globe.

Brooklyn scores again with the selection of little Ellen Riggins, the thirteen-year-old metropolitan fancy diving champion. Ellen has worked harder in practice than any of her older rivals, and her selection was pleasing

to all. When she appears in front of the august assemblage of the crowned heads of Europe at Antwerp there is bound to be some laughter because of the smallness of her stature, but when she dives and swims, her ability is comprehended those who came to laugh will remain to cheer.

Miss Helen Vainwright, who had the distinction of defeating every woman diver of note in the United States recently at the fancy diving tryouts, will represent the U. S. A. in Belgium. Little Helen is several months older than Ellen Riggins and is but a few inches taller. The pair should make a tremendous impression on the dignitaries on the other side of their spunk alone, for both have never been known to quail at diving from any height or into any kind of water.

Mrs. Frances Cowles Schroth, the Pacific coast champion, was also placed on the team by the committee. Mrs. Schroth has had a very difficult time in the West in finding competition. In her own words, she feels that because she is not hard pressed, her sudden form reversal in the tryout was due to the fact that for the first time she secured some better competition and was entirely upset by the change.

WOMAN'S LIFE HAPPIER; PLEASANT AFTER '35'

LONDON, Aug. 5. (By International News Service.)—Addressing the Medical society on the suicide idea, Dr. Joseph Childs said statistics covering a large number of years indicated that women's lives after 35 were pleasanter and more attractive than men's.

In spite of the popular idea that the young woman was the queen of the earth and that at sweet 15 she had the world at her feet, it was evidenced that from the ages of 15 to 35 more young women committed suicide than young men.

After 35 the burden of life became so much heavier for men, life became so much more rosy for women, that from 35 to 50 men were always largely in the majority among suicides.

PERISCOPE? NOPE!

CHICAGO, Aug. 5. (By International News Service.)—A few days ago Policeman John McCallan spied what appeared to be the periscope of two U-boats bobbing up and down in the Garfield park lagoon here. He called the station. A wagon loaded with skeptical coppers arrived. There were the two "periscopes" skipping about the placid surface.

A closer investigation proved them to be the heads of John Rabbit and John P. Ryan. The rest of Messrs. Rabbit and Ryan occupied an automobile which was still running. Rabbit was placed in a cell charged with navigating the lagoon in an automobile while intoxicated. His companion was released.

RUMANIA TO BUY AMERICAN LOCOMOTIVES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2. (By International News Service.)—Negotiations for the supplying of 400 new locomotives to Rumanian railways are being conducted by British firms, according to advices from the American consul-general at London, made public by the department of commerce. Payment for this equipment will be made wholly or in part by deliveries of Rumanian grain and oil, it was stated.

"STAMP LAW" NEW GERMAN PLAN TO AID IN FINANCES

Bankers Want Government to
Act—Many Million Marks
Held by Other Nations for
Speculation Worthless.

BY FRANK E. MASON.
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News Service.)

BERLIN, Aug. 5.—German marks bought up and held by American speculators may suddenly become so much worthless paper if a group of German financiers persuade the German government to adopt their proposed "stamp" law. The stamp law, successfully carried out in Czechoslovakia, provided a limited time during which all paper money had to be presented to the government for stamping. Money not in the country could not present the stamp and became worthless for Czechoslovakia.

Herr Bräuer proposed a similar law for Germany. The allies protested vigorously because it meant the loss of millions of paper marks held in their countries by speculators, so Herr Bräuer dropped the matter.

The German finance minister estimated that 20,000,000,000 paper marks were being held in foreign countries. Foreign speculators manipulating their marks holdings drove the value of the mark so rapidly to a comparatively high point that it has brought German export business to a standstill.

Foreign manipulation has resulted in the German finance minister becoming absolutely helpless in his efforts to regulate German exchange by controlling imports and exports.

When a group of American financiers who had a pool of more than a billion marks threatened to drive the mark up to 5 cents and then to dump their holdings and let the mark crash, a few advisers of the finance ministry concluded that their most effective weapon was to invalidate the American holdings by giving 40 to 60 days in which to stamp German money. It would be impossible to return any large proportion of the 20,000,000,000 within this time, and Germany would not only wipe out the speculators, but would wipe out them a large part of Germany's debt expressed in their wholesale printing of marks.

The stamp law advocates are generally the optimists who believe that Germany will come back financially without crashing to absolute bankruptcy. Another group of financiers also represented in the finance ministry believe that Germany is now bankrupt and that her only salvation lies in taking the whole world into partnership in her indebtedness. They go on the theory that creditors may close out a small debtor through bankruptcy, but that when a man owes too much and his

debts are on a large scale, the creditors use of the bankruptcy court.

"I believe in selling the entire and must finance him and do not dare make neutrals countries all the marks they will absorb," said a counselor of a group of banking interests. "They don't dare let the mark fall to its real value now, because it would ruin them with it. The mark is more popular today than the poker chip for gambling. If we can increase the entire's and neutrals' mark holdings from twenty to fifty billions, the German finance ministry will not have to worry about maintaining the rate of exchange. The foreign speculators will have to do it in self-defense."

A third group of German financiers, represented by Commerzialbank Leher, Berlin, wishes to convert the 20,000,000,000 marks in foreign countries into interest-bearing bonds. "These bonds will be redeemed by Germany in exchange for German exports," explains the Berlin source. "An international conference to discuss the plan will be held within a month at The Hague."

INDIAN BRAVE, STUDENT, WRITER, LECTURER, DIES

EASTPORT, Me., Aug. 5. (By International News Service.)—The problem of a quoddy Indian tribe is in mourning. Stanislaus Dana, student of Indian history and languages, four years governor of the reservation, has gone to the "happy hunting grounds." Death was due to tuberculosis.

Dana was born 41 years ago, on the reservation, which is 185 years old. He attended the village convent school, studied English and French, and then became an acknowledged authority in Indian history and Indian languages. He dressed in native costume he frequently toured the country lecturing and selling trinkets made by his squaw. He wrote border dramas and played the leading roles. Two daughters, a son and widow survive him.

DOUBLE-SIZED HOSIERY MADE FOR MURDERESS

OSKING, N. Y., Aug. 5. (By International News Service.)—The problem of properly clothing Mrs. Hattie Dixon, under sentence of death, has been solved by the ingenuity of workers in the knitting department of Sing Sing prison.

Mrs. Dixon could not wear any of the hosiery manufactured at the prison because her limbs were too large. The warden cannot purchase any clothing for prisoners under the law, but the problem was solved by knitting two pairs of stockings into one.

FISH GOES UP.

BOSTON, Aug. 5. (By International News Service.)—The price paid to skippers of fishing vessels for fresh ground fish has increased 200 per cent of late, owing to the constantly decreasing production. Three-quarters of the fleets of Boston, Gloucester, Rockland and Provincetown have been either laid up or put to other tasks, leaving the field to a limited number of schooners and steam trawlers. Haddock, which recently sold for 2 cents a pound and less is selling for 6 cents a pound. Steak cod sold up to 18 cents. Mackerel sold for 20 cents a pound, and swordfish for 14 and 15 cents.

EARL CURZON BELIEVES LEAGUE WILL FUNCTION

LONDON, Aug. 5. (By International News Service.)—"The league of nations was not set up as a fully developed organization of international government. To attribute to it tasks which at the outset are beyond its capacity are to handicap rather than to assist it."

That is how Earl Curzon, of Kedleston, British foreign minister, views the present agitation to give the league more power and using it as a means for which it was intended—to stop wars.

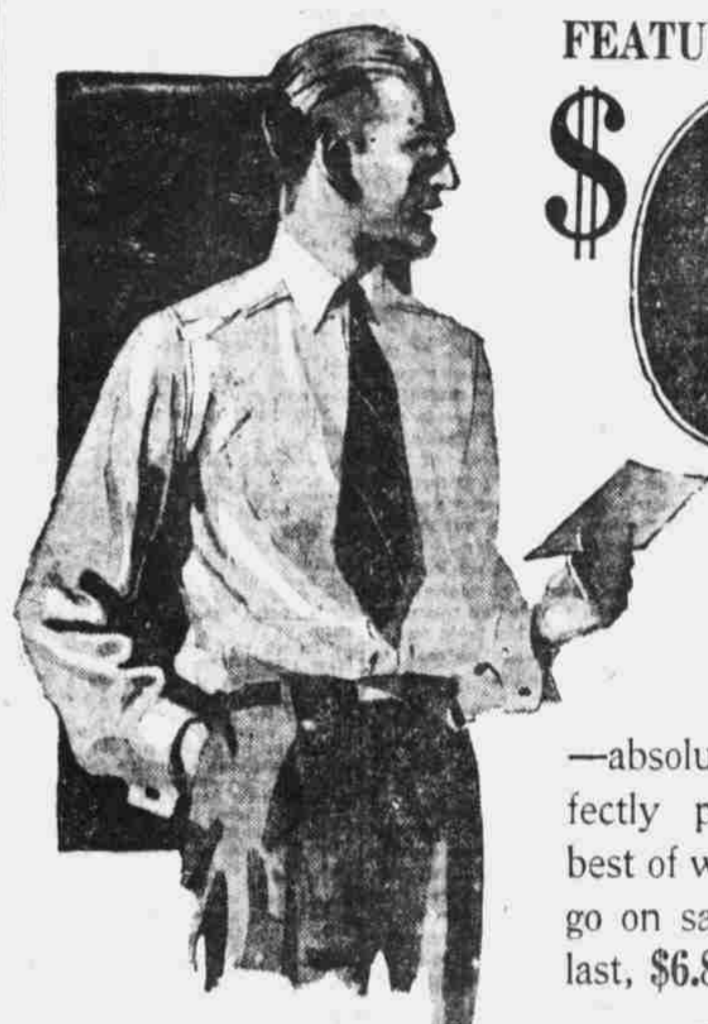
"I firmly believe," he says, "that the league has come to stay and that it will eventually fulfill the highest expectations. But before it can do that, it must develop authority and prestige, which it can only derive from the weight of public opinion."

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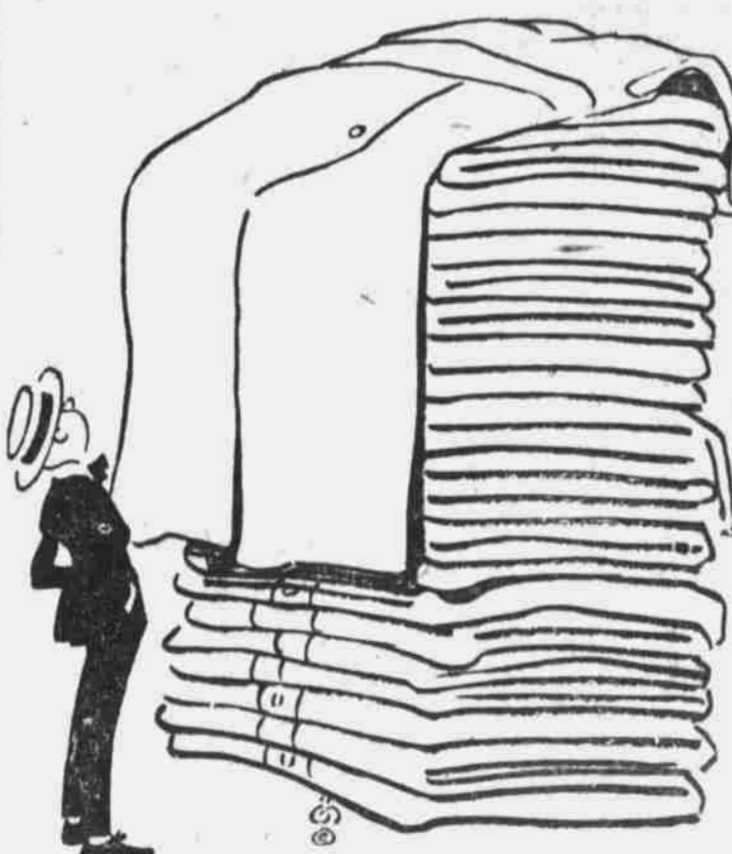
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